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Largest single highway project in Idaho, U.S. 95 Sand Creek Byway in Sandpoint, to be dedicated Friday

SANDPOINT - Idaho's single largest highway project, and one that took 65 years from the time its was first discussed to completion, will be dedicated on Friday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m. in Sandpoint.

The dedication ceremony will be held at 106 Bridge Street. Parking will be available in the City Beach lot located at the end of Bridge Street.

The \$100 million, 2.1-mile Sand Creek Byway will improve safety, speed commerce and enhance the community's businesses by routing U.S. 95 through traffic by Sandpoint. U.S. 95 traffic has been winding around a series of Sandpoint streets since early in the 19th century.

The dedication will be led by state and local dignitaries, as well as area legislators. David Keyes, community leader and publisher of the *Bonner County Daily Bee*, will act as emcee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *B roll footage of the U.S. 95 Sand Creek Byway and an interview with state Rep. George Eskridge is available at ITD's FTP server: <ftp1.idaho.gov>*

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